

WANTED \$10,000 FROM C. D. BELL

FARMER LIVING NEAR KIRBY
TRIED EXTORTION ON FOR-
MER ALMA MAN.

The following from the Lansing State Journal of Tuesday is interesting to many Alma people from the fact that C. D. Bell, who received the alleged threatening letters, was formerly a resident of this city.

Frank Sedlar, living one-half mile northeast of Kirby, was arrested Saturday night charged with the attempted blackmail of C. D. Bell, superintendent of the Owosso Sugar Company plant for \$10,000.

Mr. Bell received a threatening letter through the mail about April 16 demanding that he place \$10,000 underneath a brick by the signboard that faces the turn in the Flint road by the Kirby elevator. If the request was not complied with the letter stated that his house would be blown up.

This letter Mr. Bell turned over to authorities and with the co-operation of the state police, the home of Mr. Bell and the designated spot was watched night and day. The state police were directed by Captain Marmon.

The 4th of May however, a trap of Deputy Sheriff Pardee's invention was placed on the spot to catch the culprit.

The trap consisted of a rat trap with the corners cut off, and a piece of iron placed over the end with two holes in the size of a 22 blank cartridge, a blank was placed in each hole, they pointing into a can of flashlight powder which was placed in the ground. The spring of the trap was held down by brick, with package of bogus money beneath. Therefore upon the lifting of the brick to get the package of supposed money the spring of the trap would snap over and the two cartridges would be exploded, causing the ignition of the powder, and give warning also of the crook's presence.

However, with all the watchfulness and traps set, authorities were not rewarded until about midnight Saturday. When Sedlar crawling gradually from a field back of the sign board under cover of the darkness attempted to take the package of fake bills from beneath the brick. With the sudden report and flash Sedlar beat a hasty retreat, but not quick enough to save his face and hand from being painfully burned. Deputy Hall quickly fired into the ground back of Sedlar, bringing him to a stop as quick as he started. Sedlar upon being questioned exclaimed "Al do it," but denies any acquaintance. This statement, however, contradicts the signature of letters received by Bell, as they were signed "The Iron Gang."

Three letters in all were received by Mr. Bell.

Sedlar is held in the county jail on a charge of extortion by threat, it being impossible to place a charge of blackmail against him.

Sedlar lived with his sister and brother-in-law on their farm.

EX-SERVICE MEN

We would like to again emphasize the importance of obtaining a certificate of disability by all ex-service men at present suffering from injury or disease contracted in service even though such disability is slight or a non-compensable degree. Section No. 306 Article III of the War Risk Insurance Act provided for a certificate of disability has been amended under the Sweet Bill, extending the privilege of obtaining the certificate of disability to one year following the passage of the Act, that is August 9, 1922. An application is filed in the same manner as an application for compensation. Forms for application may be secured from the Home Service Secretary of the Red Cross (Mrs. Mina Harrington, Ithaca, Mich.) or will be furnished upon request by the Sub-district Office of the U. S. Veteran's Bureau at Saginaw, Michigan. This is very important in order to protect themselves and their dependents against possible aggravation of the trouble hereafter. The Red Cross will gladly assist ex-service men in the adjustment of their War Claims free of charge. All former service men or their dependents desiring Red Cross assistance with unsettled War Claims should inquire of Mrs. Mina Harrington Ithaca, Mich. Secretary, Gratiot county.

OBITUARY

Hannah Jane Smith was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 20 1842, died May 4, 1922, age 80 years three months, 14 days. She was the daughter of William and Susanna Huff Smith, natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. She was one of a family of 10 children. When 7 years old they moved to Wood county Ohio, living there until coming to Michigan in 1871. She was married to George Rockafellow Sept. 28 of the same year.

Mr. Rockafellow preceded her over the great divide March 28th, 36 days apart. She was converted many years ago and united with the Church of God keeping the faith to the end. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons, Charles E., George F., Samuel L., and John A., eighteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Theron Kress, other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Frank Bates were held at the home May 6th, 2 o'clock p. m., and her body was borne by six grand sons was placed beside her husbands in Alma mausoleum.

Local Happenings Tersely Told

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers 02 tfe
Rev. J. A. Mulvey was a Grand Rapids visitor Tuesday.
Attorney John Myers of Ithaca was in the city on legal business Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blair visited with relatives in Middleton over Sunday.

See Cash, the wool man, for top prices on wool. Phone No. 657. 50 tfe

For your tin work call 447. E. W. Albright, 124 Allen ave.—advertisement 50-2w

Mrs. Numan of Detroit visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gongwer.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Stop talking about your troubles. Take Tanlac. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

Paul Bellows, who has been taking a course in embalming in Chicago, has returned to Alma.

New prices, new stock of Fishing Tackle at Winslow Bros. Drug Store.—advertisement—51-2w

G. Archie Brown of Grand Rapids, a former resident of this city, visited with friends here Tuesday.

The Alma Delphian Chapter will meet next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward Hannah.

Mrs. J. D. Struble is at her home at 703 Pine avenue after spending her last eight years at the Masonic home.

Let me do your plumbing and repairing. You will save money and be satisfied. See Wickman, 819 Woodworth ave., phone 411.—advertisement—51-tf.

"It is one medicine that does all that's claimed for it." Thousands have said it about Tanlac and so will you if you try. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

The City Commission Tuesday evening passed a resolution naming three directors for the Library Board. Those named were Mrs. Floyd H. Hays, chairman, Mrs. H. M. Crooks and Mrs. W. A. Buhke.

T. B. Little of the Michigan Masonic Home left this morning for a visit with friends in Grand Rapids and to attend the 20th annual school union at Cooperville. He expects to be gone for about a month.

Miss Annette McLaren is in Port Huron this week attending the fifth annual convention of the Michigan branch of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association. She is the delegate from the Ithaca School Parent-Teacher Association.

Miss Anselta Stevens will give a piano recital, Tuesday evening, May 9, at eight o'clock, in the college chapel. Miss Stevens is a former piano student of Alma College and has had two years in Chicago. The public is cordially invited. No admission charge.

The Frances Willard Union will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. Vliet, 18 Wright avenue, May 17. There will be election of officers and reports of officers and superintendents. We desire every member's presence and a prospective one with them. Remember our slogan, "A million members and a million dollars."

SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lang and Mrs. Arthur Manley and children were guests of relatives at Vestaburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Muri Bogart and daughter, Shirley, and Mrs. Sarah Nelson of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of the latter's mother, Mrs. Iublah Mangus.

Asa and Velma Schlappi of Ionia visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schlappi, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Potter and Mrs. Benson of near Elwell and Mr. and Mrs. McKlosky of Alma were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Woodard Sunday afternoon.

Clifford Gee of Perrinton spent the week end with his family here.

Will Phillips and daughter, Mrs. Clifford Gee, were Ithaca business callers Tuesday.

Wm. Kellogg has purchased a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murphy of Ithaca were Sumner callers Tuesday afternoon.

Arthur Forquer made a business trip to Saginaw Tuesday returning on Wednesday.

George Allen of Wheeler transacted business here Tuesday.

C. Hayden of Grand Rapids was a business caller here Wednesday.

T. McGurn and family have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Bay City and Detroit.

Geo. Latimer of Alma was a business caller in Sumner Wednesday.

Jeff Lang has gone to Carson City where he has employment.

Tom Harris of New Haven called on friends here Tuesday.

Jack Klees drives a new Ford touring car.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shuttleworth. Sunday, April 30th, a son. Mother and babe doing well.

C. Moore of New Haven visited at Ithaca Stoughton's Tuesday.

Dr. Lewis left Wednesday for his home in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. F. J. Tucker and Mrs. Arthur Aelborn and daughters, Marjorie and Virginia, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Tucker.

Nile Crites and little daughter of Ithaca were Sunday callers here. John Stoffa, living south of town, is quite ill.

Mrs. Howard Phillips of New Haven spent the week end with Sumner relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman of Grand Rapids called on the latter's father, Dr. Lewis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lang were guests of relatives near Elm Hall on Sunday.

Miss Vida Church is staying with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Havens, who is ill at her home near Elwell.

Arthur Rowland of near Greenville was a visitor in this vicinity on Saturday.

Wm. Kellogg was in Ithaca on business Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Rowland and family, near Greenville over Sunday.

D. J. Ayers painted a cottage in Crystal for Joe Klees the first of the week.

Jim Miller of Ferris was a business caller in town Tuesday evening.

The Royal Neighbors had a very "sweet" time at their lodge Thursday afternoon in the form of a warm sugar treat by Cora Evey.

Wm. Phillips was a Thursday business caller at Perrinton.

D. J. Ayers was a Riverdale business caller Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Eleanor Fulford and son, Jay, were in Carson City on business on Wednesday.

Mrs. Samuel Cleverdon and Mrs. Arthur Forquer were Ithaca shoppers Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Clifford Gee and children are spending a few days with her husband at Perrinton.

John Wright and Fred Frisbee of Maple Rapids were here on business Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Austin Cherry and children of St. Louis were guests of her mother, Mrs. T. Lang, Saturday and Sunday.

Clyde Smead returned from Saginaw Saturday.

Wm. Phillips made a business trip to Butternut Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fowler returned Saturday from their fishing trip up north.

"Arion Slick," a three-act comedy was played here Saturday evening, May 6, by the high school of Elm Hall. A good crowd was present.

VESTABURG

Wm. Hayse of Niagara Falls, N. Y., came here Monday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Cummings, and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis entertained relatives from Lansing over the week end.

Mrs. Elsie Laughlan and children are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evey.

Mrs. Bernice Parks is working in Bert Thorp's store.

Vestaburg lost the game of baseball to Howard City by a score of 13 to 6 after having won the first three games played by them this season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gorsuch and grandson, Judson Gorsuch, spent the latter part of the week near Sears at the home of his brother, Charles Gorsuch.

Charles Nickerson was home over Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Briggs entertained on Tuesday the L. O. T. M. deputy who is here to get a class of candidates to initiate into this hive.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock standard time a special program is to be given at the Church of Christ in Vestaburg, in honor of Mothers' Day. All are cordially invited to attend these services in honor of your mother.

Play at Vestaburg

A two act comedy drama, "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party" will be given by local talent at the Modern Woodmen hall in Vestaburg on Friday evening, May 12.

The proceeds are to be put in a fund which is to be started to raise money to build a basement under the Church of Christ. The cast of characters are:

Robert Hunter—William Beach.
Deacon Peabody—Clare Stauffer.
Parson Goodbody—Mabel Briggs, Jr.
Reuben Holdcraft—Earl Platt.
Freddie—Audley Caris.

Bartley's Market

FREE DELIVERY ON ALL ORDERS 50c AND OVER

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Kansas Bread Flour 1.00 Kettle Roasts of beef (extra quality) 13c & 16c

Corned beef, boneless, lb. 18c
Hamburg steak, lb. 12c
Short ribs of beef, lb. 10c
Pork steak, lb. 18c
Fresh pork in chunk, lb. 14-18c
Fresh pork shanks, lb. 10c
Pork in pickle, lb. 12c-17c
Bacon, home smoked, lb. 22c
Pork sausage, lb. 18c
Lard, home rendered, lb. 15c
Smoked hams, sugar-cured half or whole. 33c
Smoked ham butts, 4-5 lbs. per lb. 15c
Veal for stewing, lb. 12c
Veal roasts, lb. 20c
Veal chops, lb. 22c-27c
Fowls for stewing and roasting, per lb. 35c
Lake trout, lb. 27c
Mackerel in brine, lb. 28c
Cod fish 1 lb boxes. 25c

Salmon, tall can. 15c
Cheese, best quality, lb. 27c
Corn, can. 11c
Milk, tall can. 10c
Peas, sifted, can. 12c
Soup, can 10c, 3 for. 27c
Peaches in syrup No. 2 1/2 can 20c
Prunes, good size, lb. 15c
Apricots, fancy, lb. 34c
Loganberries, No. 10 can. 75c
Pineapple, No. 10 can. 75c
Peaches. 75c
Catsup, No. 10 can. 80c
Dill pickles, doz. 18c
Cocoa, in bulk, lb. 15c-25c
Black Cross tea, lb. 65c
Coffee in bulk good quality lb. 27-32c
See us about flower and vegetable seeds in bulk and package.
Fresh fruit and vegetables.

WE ARE IN THE MARKET FOR LIVE STOCK, POULTRY, BUTTER AND EGGS



FREE Guessing Contest

Saturday, May 13—10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

How Many Bars of Soap in Our Window?

1st Prize 100 Bars P & G Soap
2nd Prize 60 Bars P & G Soap
3rd Prize 40 Bars P & G Soap

Specials, Saturday Only

10 Bars P & G Soap 49c 3 Bars Ivory Soap 19c
Ivory Soap Flakes, per pkg. 8c

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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There has been a continuous call for us to deliver goods we sell, therefore, we have engaged the services of the Union delivery system and will deliver anywhere in the city.

We sell for cash only and all orders will be sent collect on delivery.

Our prices are right and we hope to give you the best goods at the lowest possible price.

A FEW OF OUR PRICES

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| Select Flour 90c | Kirk's Flake White Soap 5c |
| Larabee's Flour \$1.20 | Classic Soap 5c |
| Post Toasties 10c | Arrow Soap 4c |
| Shredded Wheat 12c | Palm Olive 8c |
| Corn Flakes 10c | Chip Soap, box 8c |
| Good Tea 30c | Lux 10c |
| Moka Coffee 27c | Milk, tall 10c |
| White House Coffee 42c | Milk, small 5c |

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The Beaten Path

to your door should be dotted with sign posts pointing the way. Each correctly designed and well printed piece of advertising matter acts as a sign post. We specialize in the class of printing that attracts. A call brings a representative to ascertain your wants.



The real value of a piece of Printing can only be determined by the Results it produces.

THE ALMA RECORD

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Quality Printing